

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.5740 of 2021

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-277 Year-2020 Thana- KATEYA District- Gopalganj

RAVINDRA MANJHI S/o Jangli Manjhi R/o village- Mirganj Harkhauli,
Ward No. 1, P.S.- Mirganj, District- Gopalganj

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vyas Kumar Mishra, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Akshay Lal Pandit, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR SINHA
ORAL ORDER

2 20-02-2021 Heard Mr. Vyas Kumar Mishra, learned counsel

for the petitioner and Mr. Akshay Lal Pandit, learned

Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State.

Petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with
Kateya P.S. Case No. 277 of 2020 registered for the offence
punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and
Excise (Amendment) Act, 2018.

The allegation as per the First Information Report
is that one Wagon-R vehicle was intercepted by the Police
and a total quantity of 309.135 litres of illicit liquor was
recovered from the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has not committed any offence in the manner



alleged and he has got no criminal antecedent. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner has been implicated in this case merely on the basis of fact that the vehicle in question has been driven by him at the time of seizure. Learned counsel also submits that the petitioner was not aware about the illicit liquor being kept in the vehicle by its owner. Learned counsel next submits that the petitioner is in custody since 31.08.2020 and charge sheet has already been submitted against the petitioner. There is no likelihood that the petitioner will abscond or tamper with the evidence.

Having regard to the submissions made by the parties and taking into consideration the materials on record, the fact that the charge sheet has already been submitted and the petitioner is in custody since 31.08.2020, I am inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, let the petitioner, above named, be released on regular bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional District and Sessions Judge-I-cum Special Judge, Excise,



Gopalganj, in connection with Kateya P.S. Case No. 277 of 2020.

It is made clear that at the time of furnishing bail bonds all the parties shall follow the guidelines regarding social distancing.

(Anil Kumar Sinha, J)

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